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Applicant: AUGUSTE et al. Examiner: unknown
Serial No.: 09/936012 Group Art Unit:
Filed: 5 September 2001 Docket No.: 11123.29USWO

Title: NOVEL HYDROCOLLOID ADHESIVE MASS WITH AN IMPROVED
RESISTANCE TO DETERIORATION OF ITS ABSORPTION CAPACITY
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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

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With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

Applicant hereby brings attention to the Examiner that the following sever references were cited in an International Search Report dated 26 May 2000: WO 99/45977; WO 98/10801; DE 42 07 657 A; US 4 738 257; EP 0 730 874; US 4 231 369; and US 5 456 745. A copy of the International Search Report is enclosed. Since the International Search Report is in English, no English translation of the listed foreign references is required, pursuant to MPEP §609(A)3.

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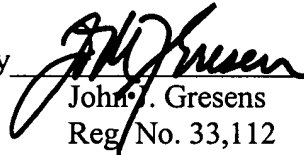
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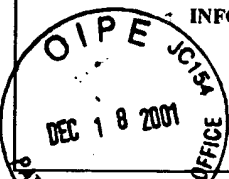
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